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Draft provisional agenda and organization of work of the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee

Provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

The Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 54/262 of 28 May 2000,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 55/58 of 4 December 2000,

1. *Recommends* that the Second World Assembly on Ageing adopt the provisional agenda and provisions for its organization of work contained in annex I to the present resolution;

2. *Authorizes* the Bureau to finalize any outstanding organizational or procedural matters, in consultation with the host Government and with the support of the United Nations Secretariat, for approval, as necessary, by the pre-Assembly consultations to take place at United Nations Headquarters; requests the regional groups to designate their nominations for the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in accordance with the pattern outlined in the proposed organization of work contained in annex II to the present resolution, by 21 March 2002; and invites Governments to inform the Secretariat of their heads of delegation for the Assembly, also by 21 March 2002, in order that the drawing of lots for the list of speakers may be scheduled as provided for in rule 20 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Assembly.

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Annex I
Provisional agenda for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

1. Opening of the Assembly.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including establishment of the Main Committee.*
7. Credentials of representatives to the Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General exchange of views.
9. Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing 2002.
10. Adoption of the report of the Assembly.

Annex II
Proposed organization of work for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

For the purposes of the organization of work set out below, the following guidelines will apply:

(a) During the period 8 to 11 April 2002, a general exchange of views will be held, at which delegations and executive heads of organizations of the United Nations system, as well as representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations, may present statements in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Assembly;

(b) Statements to be presented through 8 to 11 April will be limited to seven minutes. Longer statements may be circulated in writing. Each Government may present one statement during the Assembly;

(c) In accordance with rule 20 of the provisional rules of procedure, the list of speakers for the debate in plenary will be established by a drawing of lots, which will take place on _____;

(d) Normal meeting hours for the Assembly will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Proposed organization of work

The following programme of work is proposed for the Second World Assembly on Ageing:

(a) Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Assembly shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following

* The Chairman of the Main Committee will be elected in plenary meeting; officers of the Main Committee other than the Chairman will be elected by the Main Committee.

officers: a President, 27 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General, and a Chairman for the Main Committee. In accordance with standard practice, the presidency of the Assembly will go to the host country. The 27 Vice-Presidents will be distributed according to the following geographical pattern: seven representatives from African States, six from Asian States, three from Eastern European States, five from Latin American and Caribbean States, and six from Western European and other States;

(b) The general debate will take place in plenary meeting from 8 to 11 April;

(c) In accordance with rule 46 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Assembly will establish a Main Committee to consider the draft declaration and international plan of action on ageing 2002, also from 8 to 11 September. In accordance with rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Main Committee may establish such working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions;

(d) Consideration of the report of the Main Committee and the adoption of the Declaration and the International Plan of Action on Ageing 2002 will take place on Friday, 12 April.